GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Renewal of mining lease for quarrying slate stone in Bollapalli R.F. of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division over an extent of 3.56 ha., (2.43 ha. for mining , 0.47 ha. for safety zone & 0.66 ha. for road), in favour of Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao - Permission accorded - Orders – Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 25 **Dated: 26-10-2020.**
Read the following:-

1.From the PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr.No.15516/2013/FCA-2, Dt.04-10-2017.
2.State Govt. letter No.4280/Section-II/2017, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., Dt.31-10-2017.
3.From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr No.4-APB049/2017-CHN/1522, Dt.24-09-2018.
4.From the PCCF (HoFF), AP, Lr.No.15516/2013/FCA-2, Dt.14-05-2019.
5.State Govt. letter No.4280/Section-II/2017, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., Dt.16-05-2019.
6.From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr No.4-APB049/2017-CHN/0870, Dt.23-05-2019.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh in his letter 1st read above submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of mining lease for quarrying slate stone in Bollapalli R.F. of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division over an extent of 3.56 ha., (2.43 ha. for mining , 0.47 ha. for safety zone & 0.66 ha. for road), in favour of Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the matter.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 5th read above, have furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change in their letter 6thread above, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, renewal of mining lease for quarrying slate stone in Bollapalli R.F. of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division over an extent of 3.56 ha., (2.43 ha. for mining , 0.47 ha. for safety zone & 0.66 ha. for road), in favour of Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh for renewal of mining lease for quarrying slate stone in Bollapalli R.F. of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division over an extent of 3.56 ha., (2.43 ha. for mining, 0.47 ha. for safety zone & 0.66 ha. for road), in favour of Sri T.S.Mallikarjuna Rao, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

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ii. The safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration shall be taken in this area by the User Agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;

iii. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

iv. Mining as well as concurrent reclamation shall be done in accordance with the mining plan approved by the competent authority and the User Agency shall submit an annual compliance report to the State Government and to the Regional Office;

v. The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1980 before start of any activity;

vi. Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under the Rules made under Section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 as per the Ministry's guidelines No 11-51/2015-FC, dated 30.11.2017. A copy of the mining lease shall be submitted to the Regional Office, Chennai for record;

vii. Consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Acts before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed regularly;

viii. The User Agency shall not use any forest area for dumping of material and shall complete the reclamation during the last year of renewal period as per the approved plan and submit a report to the Regional Office, Chennai;

ix. The User Agency shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities through the State Forest Department to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;

x. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;

xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

xii. No permanent structure shall be constructed in the diverted forest area;

xiii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;

xiv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.56 ha** (including safety zone area);

xv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;

xvi. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Central Government shall be complied with by the User Agency;

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xvii. Any other condition that the Additional Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;

xviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
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P.S to Hon'ble Minister (EFS&T)

P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.,

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SECTION OFFICER